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Regains Welterweight Crown
by Scoring in 15-Round
Bout at Polo Grounds.

DECISION IS UNANIMOUS

But Many in Throng Voice
Disapproval—Encounter
Draws \$140,480 Gate.

By JAMES P. DAWSON.

A sizzling pace and an accompanying rapid fire of punches brought back to Barney Ross of Chicago, who only recently gave up the lightweight title, the world's welterweight crown last night at the Polo Grounds in fifteen rounds of spectacular fighting against Jimmy McLarnin, Vancouver veteran, before 40,000 fans.

Tired and weary, cut and bruised Ross had his hand raised in victory after fifteen rounds of the most grueling fighting he had ever encountered.

The unanimous decision of Referee Jack Dempsey and Judges George Lecron and Abe Goldberg restored to Ross the title he lost to Jimmy last September. Last night, incidentally, was the anniversary of his first meeting with McLarnin, when he won the crown for the first time to become the only lightweight and welterweight champion the ring has known.

Disagreement in Crowd.

But if the judges were unanimous, the crowd, which paid estimated receipts of \$140,480 for the privilege because it was staged by the Twentieth Century S. C. partly in the interests of the Free Milk Fund for Babies, Inc., of which Mrs. William Randolph Hearst is chairman, was not.

When the announcement came from Harry Ballagh, substituting for the ailing Joe Humphreys, there came an echoing roar of disapproval which was deafening while it lasted. The crowd didn't agree with the verdict, particularly those who occupied seats in the upper and lower grandstands, removed from the ringside.

Some of the ringside observers disagreed and added their cries to the clamor which came when Ross was led to the centre of the ring, a smile on his battered face, to have his hand raised aloft in victory.

But there was little reason for this demonstration. Ross won by a margin of ten rounds to five, won not as a great champion but he won nevertheless on any basis on which boxing is scored.

Fighting Days Are Over.

He won so thoroughly that Charley (Pop) Foster, gray-haired old manager of McLarnin, announced after the fight, even as he protested the award which took from his boy the title he prized so highly, that McLarnin was through with the ring.

"I disagree with the decision," he said. "I think Jimmy won but I won't let him fight any more. He's through with the ring."

Gene Tunney was among those who disagreed with the verdict, going contrary to an old foe as he did eight years ago in Chicago.

But a gray-haired woman paid no attention to the derisive shouts. She heard only the cheers that greeted Ross as she rushed to the ringside through a crowd divided in its reception of the verdict, but preponderantly for the vanquished, judged by its cries.

She was the mother of Ross, here to see her son fight in New York for the first time. Ross spied her as she pushed forward. He dashed over to climb through the rope and greet her.

A Great Ring Warrior.

If McLarnin fulfills his promise to retire the ring will lose a mighty warrior, one of the greatest. But few will dispute that the move would be wise.

Jimmy is wealthy. He is unscarred after thirteen years of ring warfare through five ring divisions beginning with the flyweight.

In two of three battles he bowed to Ross. The welterweight ranks do not hold opponents of a calibre to warrant McLarnin purses. A fourth meeting with Ross is unnecessary. It could only establish Barney's supremacy more clearly.

The division of opinion among the spectators was not reflected in the voting of the judges. The decision was unanimous and justly so, although there was a wide variance with the number of rounds each official gave.

Dempsey, protested as referee by Manager Foster before the bout began, worked flawlessly, smoothly and unruffled through the encounter and at the finish voted five rounds for Ross, three for McLarnin and seven even.

Judge Goldberg gave Ross eight rounds, six to McLarnin and one even. Judge Lecron voted nine rounds for Ross, four for McLarnin and two even. The writer scored ten rounds for Ross and five for McLarnin.

McLarnin just came back to the ring once too often after another of his extended layoffs and paid the price. He suffered the consequences of inactivity in a battle that demanded that he be at his fighting best and which saw him weak in ring essentials.

Profited By Experience.

He was wrong in letting Ross sweep him before a succession of whirlwind rushes that carried no physical danger beyond what is ordinarily associated with a light-hitting fighter who herds and rushes a harder hitting foe for effect. He was wrong in his battle plan which saw him trying to outbox the speedier Ross when a furious attack might have produced results.

Ross, on the other hand, fought just the kind of battle he could calculate to be the most effective against McLarnin after the experience of two previous engagements. He knew better than anyone else the force of McLarnin's blows. It was his task to break

this power and avoid as many blows as possible.

Ross captured the first three rounds, the sixth, seventh and eighth, the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth. The schedule shows how perfectly he gauged his fighting in concentrated rallies, reflecting more clearly than anything else could the measure of his steady march to regaining the 147-pound throne.

McLarnin won the fourth, fifth, ninth and tenth rounds, and in a furious, vicious, desperate fifteenth-round rally that saw him fighting like a fiend, he captured the last session, and did everything but knock out Ross. At the final bell Ross was wearier than the Vancouver lad.

Ross came out of his corner at the beginning jabbing and pecking with his left, protecting his jaw from that dangerous McLarnin left hook.

He led at McLarnin through the first three rounds, outjabbed Jimmy at long range and in the exchanges that came at close quarters outpunched McLarnin.

Ross Is Jarred in Fourth.

In the fourth a left hook to the jaw jolted and jarred Ross. But in the fifth Ross was back on the attack until McLarnin's left proved superior and in an exchange of rights McLarnin's was heavier.

The sixth, seventh and eighth rounds found Ross swarming all over McLarnin and Jimmy at a loss to discourage his foe's whirlwind attack.

McLarnin feinted like the master he is in the ninth, made Ross miss repeatedly and awkwardly and twice jarred Barney. In the tenth McLarnin was even greater as he outboxed and outfought Ross at every turn.

But in the eleventh a snappy left from Ross cooled Jimmy's ardor.

Ross charged on to win this round and carried on through the twelfth, when he bent McLarnin double under a wicked smash of the left to the body. In the thirteenth he fought toe to toe with McLarnin and kept up the pace in the fourteenth.

Came the fifteenth and McLarnin threw all caution to the wind. But the trouble with the recovery was that it came too late. Ross, by that time, had the fight won so far that only a knockout could keep him from the title. And the knockout never came.

In the semi-final Sixto Escobar, 119, Puerto Rico, stopped Joey Archibald, 118½, Providence, in 1:36 of the sixth and final round. The other six rounders saw Paulie Walker, 149, Trenton, and Mickey Serrian, 143½, New York, fight a draw; Lou Camps, 128, New York, defeat Jackie Sharkie, 129½, Chicago, and Frankie (Kid) Bruno, 139½, Brooklyn, knock out Calvin Reed, 137½, Philadelphia, in 1:09 of the second round.

The opening four-rounder went to Ralph Vona, 138½, Asbury Park, who outpointed Andy Miritello, 137½, Brooklyn.

Estimated Statistics On Championship Bout

Attendance	40,000
Gross receipts	\$140,480
Federal tax	\$14,048
State tax	\$7,024
Net receipts	\$119,408
McLarnin's share	\$47,763
Ross's share	\$29,850
Milk Fund's share	\$27,921
Profit for promoters	\$13,873
Milk Fund gets 10 per cent of receipts, plus half of net profits.	

Ross-McLarnin

New York Times, May 29, 1935

Canzoneri-Klick

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CANZONERI RALLIES TO OUTPOINT KLICK

Dempsey, Referee, Casts Ballot
for Lightweight Champion
After Judges Disagree.

10,000 SEE THE CONTEST

Object to the Decision in 12-
Round Washington Bout—
Title Not at Stake.

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Rallying in the late rounds after being outpointed earlier along the route, Tony Canzoneri, lightweight champion, won a twelve-round split decision victory over Frankie Klick of San Francisco in a Shrine-sponsored outdoor bout tonight.

The verdict was greeted with loud protests by the 10,000 spectators, many of them Shriners attending their annual convention, who crowded into the American League Ball Park.

Klick Makes Good Start.

It was the former heavyweight champion, Jack Dempsey, as referee, who cast the deciding ballot in favor of the champion, after the judges had disagreed. Canzoneri's title was not at stake.

Klick easily outpointed the champion in the early rounds, jabbing his left to Tony's chin consistently, but there was little power behind his shots and none caused Canzoneri any worry. Klick scaled 137½ pounds to 134 for Tony.

Canzoneri jolted Klick with two good rights in the third and then really opened up for the first time in the fourth. Tony drove in a hard right in the sixth that opened a cut over Frankie's right eye, but both fighters slowed down in the next two rounds.

Accepts the Challenge.

Klick accepted Tony's challenge to slug in the ninth and from there on both swapped long blows. Tony appeared to tire and Klick outpunched him in the rapid-fire exchange, but Canzoneri came back strong for the last round.

Phil Furr of Washington outpointed Bob Bruno of New York in a six-round preliminary. Furr weighed 144 and Bruno 149. Julie Katz, 127, New York, and Joe Teems, 126, Tampa, Fla., battled to a six-round draw. Roger Bernard, 132, Flint, Mich., outpointed Lou Fox, 132, New York, in six rounds. Bill McMahon, 158, New York, lost to Lou Raymond, 157, Baltimore, in another six-rounder.